

## *Cathedral of St Michael and St George in the City and Diocese of Grahamstown*

A warm welcome to those who are visiting the Cathedral and Grahamstown. Please introduce yourself to us! If you are new to the Cathedral and would like follow up, please fill in the pink form at the west (High Street) door and give it to one of the clergy or sidespeople.

Please turn off your cell phone and keep your valuables with you at all times.

### **Today's services: 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2015 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Preacher</b>	<b>Presider/Officiant</b>
07h30	Holy Communion SAPB	Dr A-J Bethke	Revd Gina Gcebile
09h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Dr A-J Bethke	Revd Gina Gcebile
17h00	Choral Evensong	Mr James Galebotswe	Prof Paul Walters
19h00	Evening seminar in the Cathedral – all welcome	Prof Richard Howe	Revd Claire Nye Hunter

Holy Communion is celebrated on weekdays, at 07h00, in our Lady Chapel.  
Evening Prayer is presented in the same venue at 16h30 on weekdays

### **Today's meetings and events:**

07h20 & 09h20	Pre-service prayers for readers, prayer ministers, Children's Church teacher/s and altar servers in the Chapter House.
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### ***THIS WEEK; for your diary***

<i><b>THIS WEEK; for your diary</b></i>			<i><b>Contact:</b></i>
26 Aug	17h30	Parish Council meeting in the Cory Room	The Dean
27 Aug	19h00	Rhodes University Chamber Choir concert in the Rhodes Chapel. Conductor: Dr Andrew-John Bethke	
29 Aug	14h00	Altar servers (09h30 only) meet with Namso	Namso (073 351 8697)

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**[www.grahamstowncathedral.org](http://www.grahamstowncathedral.org) and [facebook.com/grahamstown.cathedral](https://www.facebook.com/grahamstown.cathedral)**

**The Anglican Church of Southern Africa seeks to be:**

- *Anchored in the love of Christ* ●
- *Committed to God's Mission* ●
- *Transformed by the Holy Spirit* ●

**Please join with us this week as we pray for:**

**THE CHURCH:** We pray for Confirmation Candidates in the Archdeaconry; for people who are part of the Fellowship of Vocation in our diocese and for Canon Cynthia Webstock as she guides this group; for our diocesan administrator, Zoleka Maqwili; our diocesan finance manager, Nceba January. May we all be given grace and wisdom for the tasks ahead.

**OUR COMMUNITY:** We pray for all who are addicted to drugs or alcohol; for their families and those around them; for patients at Fort England and those who care for them. May they find strength and healing.

**THE WORLD:** We pray for all who were part of the Silent Protest and Breaking the Silence; all survivors of rape and abuse. We remember those who died at Marikana, and we pray for their families. We remember the 60 million people who died during World War II, and all places of conflict in our world today. May we find peace.

The **LADY CHAPEL FLOWERS** this week are from Lynette Johnson in memory of her husband, Tony.

**BIRTHDAYS:** 24<sup>th</sup>: Colleen Rippon, 26<sup>th</sup>: Siarra Appollis, 27<sup>th</sup> Terwin de Vos

**PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER:** Carolyn Stevenson-Milln, Peter & Ann Stockwell, Lithalelanga & Noah Tabensky, Joy Tandy, Marié Tarr, Pat & Sally Terry, Ezra & Thami Tisani.

**PARISHIONERS who are sick or with long-term illnesses:** Millicent Armitage, Isabel Bridger, Roger Embling, Jeanette Eve, Kerry Jane Gutridge, Heather Haggard, Celia Jameson, Paul Pillay and Tim Williams.

**FRIENDS and FAMILY who are ill:** Michael Alden, Steve Ashcroft, Ronnie Burger, Canon James Hoyle, Nolutho Mbolekwa, Owen Pearce, Thembeke Peter, Bishop Eric Pike, Marguerite Poland, Angela Stuurman, Mary-Clare Tracey-Craigen, Graham Whitford.

**Services next Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> August – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	Holy Communion SAPB	Revd Claire Nye Hunter	Revd Claire Nye Hunter
09h30	Holy Communion AAPB and Baptism	Revd Claire Nye Hunter	Dean Andrew Hunter

**Here are the Gospel Readings for the fourteenth week after Pentecost**

Mon	24	Matthew 23: 13-22	Thurs	27	Matthew 24: 42-51
Tues	25	Matthew 23: 23-26	Fri	28	Matthew 25: 1-13
Weds	26	Matthew 23: 27-32	Sat	29	Matthew 25: 14-30
Sun	30	Song of Solomon 2: 8-13	Psalm 45 1-2, 6-9	James 1: 17-27	Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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\*Members of the Clergy are available for confessions and interviews by appointment.

## Dean's letter, Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2015

Dear Cathedral family,

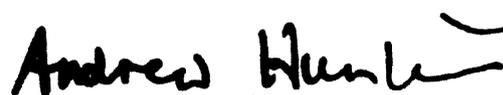
Thank you to all who contributed to the farewell gift for Paul Daniels, and who were part of the celebration tea after the service. In his sermon, Paul raised difficult issues. What does it mean to walk together as the body of Christ? At the Archdeaconry Family service, also last Sunday, the theme I was asked to preach on was unity: "Africa unite for the glory of God." It is an exciting vision – yet when we look around us, how hard it is. As much as we pray and long for unity, there is so much that divides us, so much that tears us apart.

We are in Women's Month. August has seen the annual Silent Protest (Aug 7<sup>th</sup>) against sexual violence and rape; the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary (Aug 14<sup>th</sup>) of the end of World War II, in which over 60 million people, most of them civilians, died, making it the biggest conflict in human history; Marikana Day last Sunday (Aug 16<sup>th</sup>) was the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the killings at Marikana. People all around are angry, raging; there is this simmering discontent and unhappiness just below the surface. Almost every night on TV brings another service delivery protest, stones thrown, tyres burning, cars set alight; one of our priests commented "people are so desperate to get the attention of the authorities, and they don't know any other language except to toyi-toyi."

Indeed, it is very difficult to talk of unity when we are so angry, when we are so unhappy, when we are so afraid, when we are so filled with despair. And yet, in the face of all this division and fear and hatred and anger, the unity of the church, the unity of Christians, is one of the biggest gifts that we can give to the world; it is our most important witness; it is also the hardest thing we are called to do. We often hear of how divided Grahamstown is. But the most diverse group of people I interact with on a regular basis is in the Cathedral and in our parishes in Grahamstown. I sit with people from every sector of our community that I would not meet anywhere else. What a remarkable family we are. The people of God.

One of the sad things of our polarised country is that we can find ourselves locked into opposing camps – different political groups; trade unions; employer and employee; racially divided. But it is our relationships across the barriers and the trust that we have for one another that can be the catalyst to get things moving. Yes, she or he may belong to the other side, but we know them; they are our sister, our brother in Christ – and so there is a conversation we can have, the possibility of peace is there, in our efforts to understand, to reach out, to share burdens, to love one another. And as we reach out, we hold in our hands the hope and the peace of the world.

My love to you all,



## **GENERAL NOTICES**

**We welcome Dr Andrew-John Bethke** as our preacher at both our morning services today. We also congratulate him on being awarded a post-doctoral fellowship from UNISA, for one year (September 2015 – August 2016) which hopefully will be renewed through to 2017. During this time he will be remaining in Grahamstown and continuing at the Cathedral, but will not be continuing with his teaching position at the College of the Transfiguration. His fellowship begins on September 1<sup>st</sup>. We also welcome **Revd Gina Gcebile** as our celebrant today. She is a lecturer in systematic theology, at the CotT, and is from Swaziland.

**We also welcome Prof Richard Howe**, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy and Apologetics, from the Southern Evangelical Seminary in the USA. He will be leading a seminar entitled *God and the problem of evil and suffering*. All are welcome to join us at 19h00 tonight in the chancel.

**The Dean, the Sub Dean, Revd Claire and Revd Siphokazi** are at the Diocesan Family Day service in East London this morning.

**The Sub Dean is on leave** this week, returning to the Cathedral on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September.

**Theological Education Sunday**, 30<sup>th</sup> August: this is an annual collection throughout the Province, to assist with theological education at the College of the Transfiguration. The Cathedral normally gives its cash collection (not the envelopes) for that day, to the College.

**Baptisms:** these will take place in the context of the 09h30 service on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August. Those to be baptised are those who are to be confirmed, and have not yet been baptised.

Some **help is needed**, if anyone is able to assist, in re-hanging the doors on a couple of wardrobes for Pasha and Michael Alden. Mike would normally do it but is bed- or wheelchair-ridden at the moment. Pasha's phone number is 072 587 6027.

The annual **Confirmation** service is on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 09h30. We shall be joined by confirmation candidates from the archdeaconry.

**Rhodes University Chamber Choir** presents a "Proudly South African Concert" featuring music by local composers and arrangers. It is on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> August at 19h00 in the Rhodes Chapel. Tickets may be bought at the door, R40 (R20 concessions and scholars free).

**Altar servers** (the 09h30 variants) meet every Saturday at 14:00-15:00 to practise their duties. All 09h30 altar servers are expected to attend every practice. Anyone who is interested in joining the team is welcome. Please contact Namso (073 351 8697).

**Bishop's Appeal:** Printed forms and marked envelopes are available at the back of the church for those who wish to make a monetary donation or commitment. There will also be a bring-and-buy **cake sale**, after both morning services on Sunday, 30 August. "Let's be creative", invites June Venn. Sweet or savoury cupcakes; muffins, bread, koeksusters and samoosas come to mind. For further information and to assist please contact June at 073 217 8262.

**St George's Fair** shares a date this year (31st October) with Halloween and Marian Jayes 046 622 8623 asks us all to diarise the former. Just for starters, Anne Stockwell has wool which she would like to offer to any knitters who are able to make articles for the Fair.

**If you are a newcomer to the Cathedral**, please fill in a pink form and an application to be placed on the parish roll (to be found near the west door); hand them to one of the clergy or drop them off at the parish office.